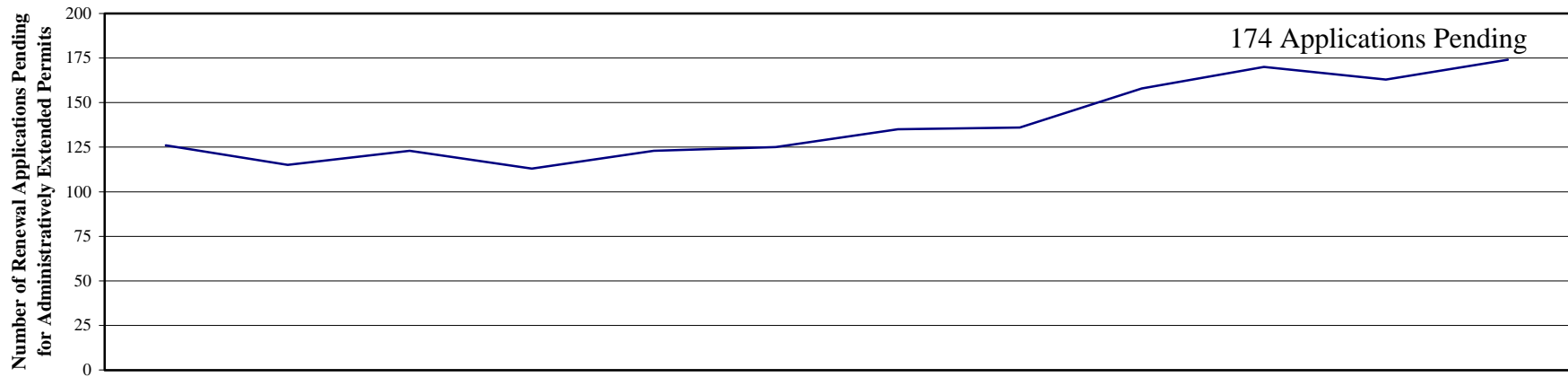


Office of Water Quality

National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Renewal

Renewal Applications Pending for Administratively Extended (Admin Ext) Permits



	Jan '03	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
Admin Ext Permits Issued Each Month	7	6	4	13	12	16	9	4	11	14	4	15	115
Backlog: Renewal Applications Pending for Admin Ext Permits (Not Yet Public Noticed)	126	115	123	113	123	125	135	136	158	170	163	174	
Monthly Total # of Still "Active" Permits With Applications Already On File	110	132	133	143	121	126	117	120	99	108	115	98	
Admin Ext Permits Public Noticed Each Month	6	19	11	4	17	5	18	11	8	7	17	18	
Monthly Total # of Draft Permits Which Have Been Public Noticed One or More Times	46	53	56	58	67	53	66	71	76	69	71	72	

Note: The term "backlog" of NPDES permit applications includes only those permits which have been administratively extended after a renewal application was submitted in a timely manner (prior to the expiration of the permit), but for which a draft permit has not yet been placed on public notice. The NPDES backlog (shown on the chart and on line 2 [the second line] of the table) has been reduced from approximately 673 in January 1998, to the number currently displayed on the chart. Renewal applications are due 180 days prior to the expiration of the permit. Thus, a number of applications already are on file with the Office of Water Quality for permits which are still "active" and therefore not yet considered part of the backlog (see line 3). Once a draft permit has been placed on public notice, it no longer is considered as "backlogged" because final issuance can be delayed by the applicant or other interested parties. Line 4 shows the number of permits on public notice each month. Line 5 (at the bottom of the table) shows the total number of administratively extended draft permits which have been public noticed, but have not yet been issued. This chart is a subset of the "Permit Renewals Pending" chart on the previous page.